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1. NORWAY: Foreign Office concerned with proposed NAP grouping--
US Embassy Oslo reports that, in response to a proposal to create a north European planning group composed of Norway and Denmark, the Norwegian Foreign Office has expressed the strong feeling that full membership by either the US or the UK and preferably both is essential because of the manifest weakness of a group composed of only the two Scandinavian countries. The Foreign Office fears that such a small northern unit without complete backing by at least one major power would emphasize its isolation and draw immediate attention to itself as the weakest link in the Atlantic Pact. The Embassy expresses the view that there is some merit to the Norwegian attitude because of psychological considerations.

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